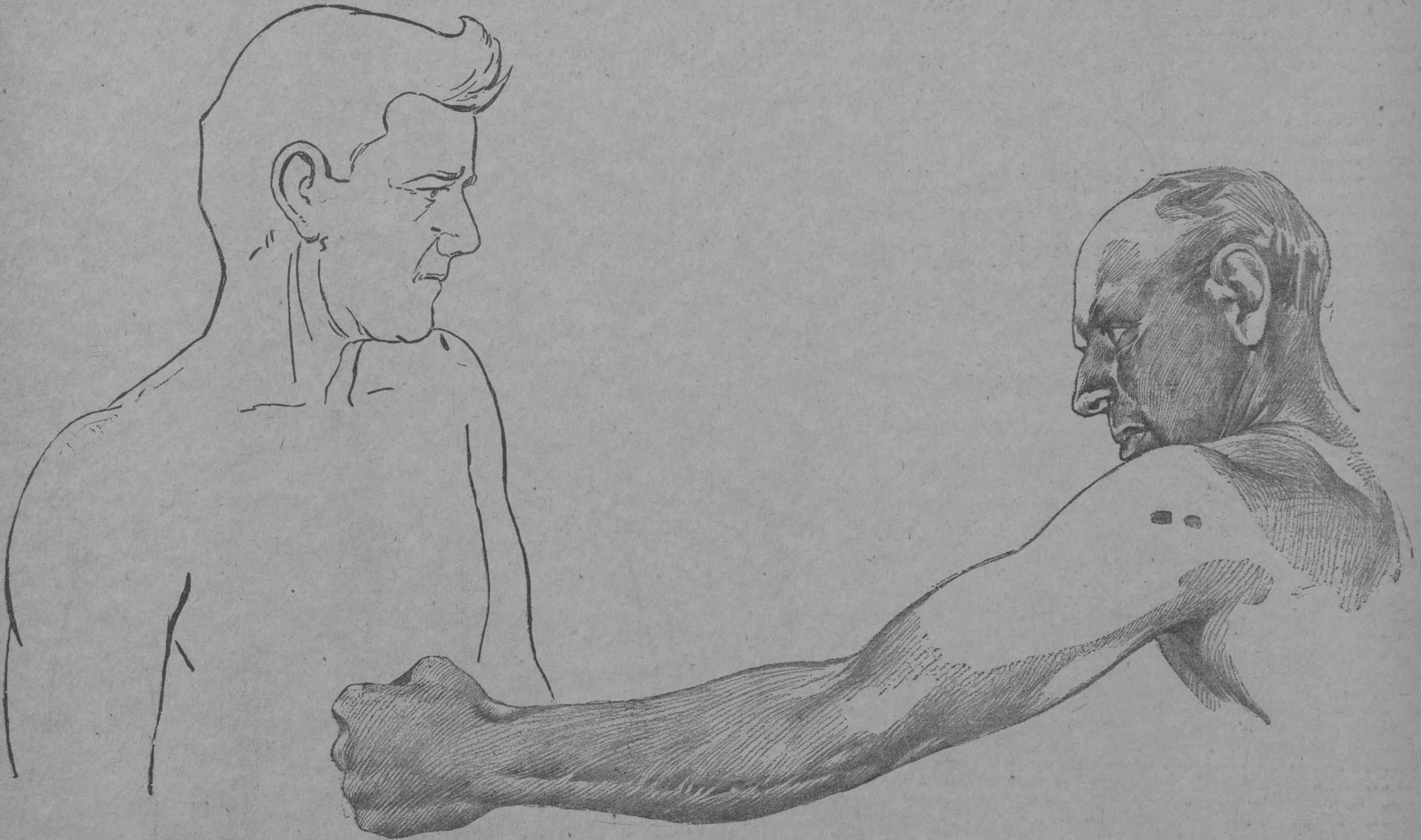


# A Full and Accurate History of the Battle by Rounds.



## THE BLOW IN THE STOMACH THAT KNOCKED OUT CORBETT, AS FITZSIMMONS SAYS HE DELIVERED IT.

### Round One.

Corbett Has the Honors in the Opening Engagement.

At 12:05 o'clock the gong clanged and the championship battle was on. Both men went to the centre of the ring and feinted rapidly. Fitz made a slight movement with his left and Corbett stepped back. Again Fitz made a motion, and Jim side stepped. He was smiling and walking around, so as to keep the sun in the Cornishman's eyes. Corbett backed away toward the ropes and Fitz made a violent left lunge at him. Corbett ducked and got out of the way, and Fitz came back again with the left hand. Again Fitz went in. Corbett swung with his left, missed the Cornishman's chin by a few inches. Fitz was forcing Corbett. He worked him back toward the ropes again, and Jim grinned. There was a light exchange of left handers, but no harm was done, the men breaking away immediately. Fitz started with his left and ducked and caught his enemy with a body blow. They clinched for a moment, breaking away almost immediately at a word from the referee. Fitz followed Corbett, and led off with the left, but Jim backed out of the way. Fitz tried with the left again and cross-counter to the ear. Fitz worked Corbett toward the corner, and Corbett ducked out of danger. Fitz as he faced around had the sun in his eyes, and Corbett made a lead at him. They clinched. Corbett balked with the left and swung his right on the ribs lightly. Fitz forced Corbett into his own corner and tried twice with the left. One blow missed and the other caught Corbett on the shoulder. Corbett stepped in and gave Fitz a right above the heart. Fitz feinted at Corbett. Corbett poked out his left hand. Fitz ducked under it and clinched. They broke away instantly.

Corbett was fighting very cautiously. Fitz advanced, and Corbett swung and hit the Cornishman high on the left-hand side of the head. Fitz worked Corbett toward the ropes and led full with his left. Corbett ducked and got out of danger. Corbett led with his left, and there was a clinch. Fitz hit him on the temple with his right during the clinch, and Corbett made a motion with his mouth as saying, "Oh," and looked toward the referee. Fitz tried for an opening and Corbett caught him in the body with his left. They hung together for a few seconds just before the gong rung.

What honors there were in the first round Corbett was entitled to. The Cornishman forced the fight, but failed to land effectively. The blow on Corbett's temple with the right in the clinch was the only one he scored. Fitz was breathing heavily and was pale, while Corbett's breathing was not distressed.

### Round Two.

Corbett's Seconds Figure the Fight Is Ended.

Corbett went briskly to the centre of the ring at the call of time. He feinted repeatedly with his left. Fitz led at him, and there was a clinch. Corbett catching Fitz a slight right-hander on the ear as they clinched. They hung together for

some time. Fitzsimmons vainly endeavoring to push Corbett away. When they finally broke away Fitz was backed up in Corbett's corner. Corbett kept him there by feinting, but Fitz made two or three leads and worked out. None of the blows took effect. They clinched in Corbett's corner, and when they turned around Corbett's back was to his own corner, and the sun in the Cornishman's face.

### Round Three.

Fitz Begins to Evidence His Presence in the Fight.

Corbett opened the third round with a stiff punch in the stomach, and threw his head down so as to avoid Fitz's left swing, and clinched. Corbett pushed Fitz away. Fitz rushed Corbett toward the ropes. Corbett caught him a left hander while backing, and Fitz swung his right on Corbett's shoulder. They clinched and parted. Corbett put in a stiff left into the stomach and they partially clinched. As they were breaking away, Corbett swung his right on the jaw. Corbett tried with his left, and just grazed Fitz's nose. Fitz feinted and they clinched, hanging together. Fitz rushed, but there was another clinch near the ropes. No blows were struck. Corbett tried with his left for the face. The blow was thrown off by Fitz's forearm, but Jim put in a right hander fair in the pit of the stomach. They clinched. Both made the same kind of a feint, and they went in and clinched and clinched again. As they hung together, Fitzsimmons swung his right on Corbett's cheek. Corbett drove in a hard right on the kidneys, and they clinched. Corbett put in another left hander in the stomach and Fitzsimmons began to act as if the blows were distressing him.

They clinched. Fitzsimmons swung his right on the ribs near the ropes, and they clinched. As they parted, Fitzsimmons backed away against the ropes, and Corbett plinned him there with a hard right on the ribs. They clinched again. They worked toward the centre of the ring, and Fitzsimmons swung left and right. The blows showed on Corbett's head, and they clinched again. Before they let go Jim put in two hard punches under the heart. Jim tried another heart blow after the break-away and they clinched. They hung together for some time, the referee telling them to break away.

Fitzsimmons forced Corbett to the ropes and let fly a left-hander, which missed Corbett's chin. Fitz repeated the blow, and landed solidly on the point of Corbett's jaw. They clinched and went toward the centre of the ring. Fitz tried for a left-hand punch on the body, and Corbett plinned his arm. They hung together, but broke away when the referee told them. Another feint by Fitz led to a clinch, and Corbett's head was forced back again. Fitz was forcing the pace as the gong sounded. Directly the gong sounded he dropped his arm, his face was up against Corbett's and they both smiled. Corbett placed his two gloves right and left lightly on Fitz's face in a battering way, and Fitz laughed and nodded his head. Then he turned and went back to his corner.

### Round Four.

Corbett Again Cuts Out the Work.

Fitz feinted as they came centre

for the fourth round. Jim drew back and then let fly with his left, catching the Cornishman lightly on the cheek. They clinched and hung together quite a while. Corbett finally pushed Fitz away. Fitz placed his left lightly on Corbett's ribs. As they came together again Jim swung with his right, but the blow was smothered by the Cornishman's shoulder. They clinched. While they were in the clinch Corbett used his right on Fitz's jaw. Fitz laughed. Corbett worked Fitz into Corbett's corner, and got in a left on the chin. Then there was a clinch. They broke away, and Corbett backed into the centre of the ring.

They came together again, and there was another clinch. Fitz made a wild swing with his right that threw him out of position, and before he could get his head up Corbett swung with his right, landing hard on the Cornishman's ear. There was a clinch and Fitz backed and bumped against one of the ring posts. Another lead from Fitz resulted in a clinch. Fitz then forced matters, leading with his left and reaching Corbett's face. They clinched, and in the breakaway Corbett landed a hard one on the cheek with his right. Fitz came in, threw his head down and made a left lunge at Corbett's body. He missed and swung around, and Corbett clinched with him. Shortly after that there was another clinch, and Fitz tried to get in a heart punch on Corbett. Corbett avoided the blow, and then Fitz tried at the face with his right, reaching Jim's chin lightly. As they hung together, clinched, Fitz kept his right arm free, looking for an opening, but Corbett held him in such a way that no opening appeared.

Before they broke away Corbett landed his right on the ear. Jim came in and swung his left. There was another clinch. They broke away, and Corbett swung his right hard under the heart, resulting in another clinch. Fitz looked very tired. After this breakaway Corbett landed two swift left swings on Fitz's chin.

They clinched again. Corbett came in with a left on the face and a right under the heart, and clinched. Fitz acted as if tired. Fitz led with his right, and Corbett with his left, just as time was called. Fitz's blows took effect on Corbett's stomach, and Jim's didn't reach. They clinched and parted at the sound of the gong.

### Round Five.

Corbett Induces a Flow of Blood from the Fitzsimmons Nose.

Corbett opened the fifth round with a left-hand punch fair on the jaw. They clinched and broke away. Fitz rushed and Corbett side-stepped in a lively fashion. Fitz crowded him near the ropes, but did not get in a blow. They clinched for a moment and then broke away. As Fitz was coming in Corbett reached him with a left-hander on the chin, and they clinched again. Jim made two short attempts with left and right, and they clinched. Corbett having his hand around Fitz's neck and swinging around, Fitz went toward the ropes and Corbett landed a very heavy heart punch.

They hugged and worked their way over to the centre of the ring, where they dropped their arms and stood away. Fitz and Corbett both landed a heart punch at the same time. It would be hard to say which one was the most severe. Fitz landed

another heart punch, and received a left on the jaw. Jim also landed a left on the jaw, and they clinched. Jim swung with his left and Fitz with his right, but the blows were smothered ones, and it simply resulted in a clinch. Corbett let fly with his right for the heart and hit a bit too high; they clinched again. Corbett tried with his left and was short. Fitz blinked and grinned and they clinched.

Corbett tried another left, which was short. They clinched again, Fitz still grinning. Corbett tried with his left, but Fitz was there first, landing on Jim's chin. They clinched. Fitz let fly a left-hander and Jim placed his forearm against the Cornishman's throat, driving him away. Corbett landed a swift left on the face and another with the right.

Delaney and White called, "First blood for Corbett!" as the men were clinched. The blood showed on Fitzsimmons' upper lip. When they split away Corbett landed another swift left on the nose. They clinched again, momentarily, and then Corbett scored again his left, and his seconds sang out, "Take your time, Jim; you've got him!"

The sun was now in Fitz's eyes. Corbett landed three blows in succession, two lefts and a right on Fitz's face. Right took effect in the chin, and jarred Fitz. They clinched, and Fitz put in a heart punch. His eyes were rolling, and he appeared to be in distress. Corbett led with his right for the heart, but Fitz got the blow with his glove. Corbett swung with his left on Fitz's jaw. Corbett reached Fitz's face with his left again, and they clinched. Fitz hit at the heart before breaking away and Corbett uppercut him with the right on the chin.

This round was decidedly in Corbett's favor. He scored twice to the Cornishman's once, and Fitz looked very tired. The referee walked to the ropes and announced first blood for Corbett. Mrs. Fitzsimmons arose in her seat. She was pale, and apparently very much distressed. She shouted to the seconds and worked her hands up and down, as if instructing them to ask Fitz to alter his style of fighting in some way.

### Round Six.

Corbett Begins Losing Wind, but Continues Uppercutting.

As soon as they came to the centre of the ring Fitz feinted and there was a clinch. He got his forearm across Corbett's throat and forced his head back, forcing him so that it looked as if he would crack Corbett's nose. They parted as the ropes and met again in the centre of the ring, where a slight lead from Fitz ended in a clinch. This time Corbett got Fitz's head under his arm and squeezed it. A lead from Fitz resulted in a clinch, and Corbett caught him with a right in the chin in the breakaway. Fitz led and they clinched again. Corbett uppercut him in the breakaway, and sent the Cornishman's head back.

Another right hand punch from Corbett brought the blood in showers from Fitzsimmons' nose. He was very much distressed. He clung to Corbett and the blood went all over Corbett's chest. Corbett's seconds were excited, and were shouting: "Take your time, Jim!" After they parted

Corbett smashed Fitz right and left on the face. Fitz was powerless. A succession of lefts and rights from Corbett made him dizzy and he clinched on every available occasion. Corbett worked him toward the ropes, holding him with his left and smashing him in the face with his right. Fitz was a dilapidated man. Once he swung at Jim, but his feet went from under him and he fell to the floor. He rested on his knees, and Corbett walked away from him, the referee standing between them. Julian came to the ropes, and Fitz got up just as time was called. Corbett went at him again and scored a left and right on the face. Fitz stood back and feinted, and then he clinched and hung on to Corbett. Corbett got in a right uppercut which sent Fitz's head back. Fitz clinched at every opportunity. He was helpless, for Corbett kept pumping the right hand uppercut into him. Once Corbett varied it by giving a right-hand punch fair in the stomach. They clinched and broke away momentarily, and then Fitz clung around his neck again. Corbett punched him in the body and occasionally in the face. Fitz swung his arms, but with no force to his blows. Corbett drew back so as to be out of range, and then would lead first with his left and then with the right, reaching Fitz's face every time. Fitz caught Corbett on the face, and Jim came back to the corner with a little blood in his nostrils and on his lip.

As Fitz sat in his corner, he was very weak. When his head went down, the fresh blood fell from his lips. The seconds sponged his mouth, but could not keep the blood from flowing. There was great excitement. Corbett was evidently anxious, but in good shape. His wind was gone, and he was perfectly strong, while the other man was badly rattled, and his strength was waning. The end looked very near when the gong sounded at the end of the sixth round.

### Round Seven.

Corbett Is Very Tired and Fitz Is Covered with Blood.

As they came to the centre of the ring, Fitz led with his left. The blow missed and there was a clinch. In the breakaway Corbett got in a right hander on the nose and started the blood afresh. After the breakaway Fitz came in swinging wildly. Corbett steadied him up with a flush left hander on the nose, which increased the flow of blood. Corbett then stood away and watched Fitz keenly as if to size up his condition. A lead from Fitz resulted in a clinch. Bob attempted to get in a right-hand blow in the breakaway, but Corbett was too quick for him. Fitz led with his left, but was short. They clinched. As Fitz came in, Corbett let out his right, reaching the Cornishman's jaw. The blow was only a kind of balk to prepare the way for a right-hand body blow, which Corbett drove in with considerable force. Fitz bounded away from it, and then they clinched. Corbett feinted with his left and Fitz ducked.

Again Corbett feinted with his left. This time Fitz made no motion and Corbett hit him a swift left-hander on the nose. Fitz tried with his left and right, being short with both blows, and getting a left counter which squirmed the blood all over his face. He clung to Corbett and flicked Corbett's body with the gory fluid. Fitz tried a

right-hander at the ribs, which Corbett drew back from. They clinched.

Everything seemed going Corbett's way. He was taking his time and punching Fitz alternately in the face and body with his left. Corbett got his forearm against Fitz's neck. Fitz made two or three swings with the right and left hand, but they were so feeble that Corbett evidently made up his mind that the danger point was passed. He went in and hit Fitz a swinging right hander on the cheek. As the gong sounded Corbett drew his right hand around, scoring again on Fitz's ear.

### Round Eight.

Fitz Forces an Exchange, but Has the Worst of It.

Jim opened with a light left, which Bob stopped. The Australian swung right and left, but missed and Jim drove his left on the wind. Bob faked a left lead and then caught Jim lightly on the jaw with a right. Fitz forced the fighting, with a heavy left on the wind, but he was very wild with his right swings and a couple of clinches followed. Corbett cleverly evaded a left for the head, and then sent his own left for the body twice.

Fitz drove his left hard above the heart, but Corbett drew back in time to avoid the full force of the blow. Jim landed a hard left punch on the side of the jaw, and Fitz commenced to bleed again. Fitz ran into another left on the jaw immediately afterward. They sparred at long range for a time and both were very cautious. A light left on the face by Corbett was followed by two left jabs, which landed on Bob's nose. The latter swung right and left wildly and caught Jim's left on the nose. Again Fitz swung, but Corbett ducked and shot his left past Bob's guard full in the face.

Just as the gong sounded Corbett jabbed a stiff left on the damaged nose, and Fitz was quickly covered with blood. However, the Australian seemed to be getting stronger as the fight progressed, and the enthusiasts who were offering 5 to 3 on Corbett found a good many takers among Bob's adherents.

### Round Nine.

Both Men Fight at Long Range, and Fitz Scores Often.

Both sparred cautiously and Fitz seemed to be boxing well within himself. Jim started the ball rolling with a light left on the nose, Bob countering lightly with the right on the body. More long-range sparring took place before Jim shot a stiff left on the wind and then shoved his glove into Bob's face. Fitzsimmons rushed in and put a left on the chin, but was met by two stiff lefts, one on the jaw, the other on the nose. They clinched and Jim drove his right over the heart before they stepped back. Fitz missed two left swings before he successfully landed on the jaw with a left-hand hook which staggered Corbett.

Jim swung left for the jaw, but Bob ducked. Fitzsimmons did a lot of leading, but failed to land. Jim put his left on the face and stepped back from two vicious leads. Fitz would not be denied, however, and he came again with a pile-driving right on the body. As the round ended Corbett

caught a slight left on the mouth. Fitz was very strong, but was breathing hard, as he sat in his chair. Corbett was not showing the cleverness his ardent admirers expected of him.

### Round Ten.

Fitz Far Stronger Than Corbett After a Warm 4 Minutes.

Bob led off with a left swing, which Corbett avoided, but the Australian came back at him and in the clinch which followed put a hard left jolt on the jaw. Both swung wildly and then clinched. Corbett blocked Bob's left, but could not stop a stiff right that landed over the kidneys and a hard left that found the jaw.

Bob's left found the body and he pushed his right contemptuously in Corbett's face. Jim faked a left lead, but could not draw the wily Cornishman out. Jim saw this quickly, and he adopted different tactics. He sent out his right with lightning speed on the wind and his left on the body and face, and came back again with a right on the body and a left on the face.

Fitz did not like this treatment and he took a hand in the attack himself. He put three hard lefts in succession on Jim's head and swung a right over the ear that Jim tried to avoid, but failed. Jim's left reached the face and with his right he sent a vicious uppercut to the Cornishman's chin. Jim poked his left in the face again, but took a stiff left-hander on the jaw in return, and this was followed by two strong lefts on the shoulder. Jim put his left on the body and came to a clinch. As they broke away Fitz hooked him with a right under the ear, but Jim retaliated with a right and left on the jaw. Fitz appeared very confident and strong as he went to his corner. Corbett did not seem to be weak, but his face had a grayish pallor and his eyes shifted nervously as he sat in his chair. He had lost the confident smile with which he opened the battle.

### Round Eleven.

Fitz Starts Corbett on the Downward Journey.

Bob rushed, but his left lead for the jaw was stopped, and Jim shot two little lefts on the jaw. Corbett's right then found the wind, and he ducked a hard left from Fitz. The Australian's left caught Jim hard on the jaw twice before they clinched. Jim's

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